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SUBJECT: GOL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONTROLLING TRAFFIC IN DANGEROUS DRUGS

REFS: (A) MONROVIA 5340, (B) STATE 197605,

(C) MONROVIA 5721, (D) PARIS 25108

1. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER FOR PLANNED VISIT OF U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICIAL MET WITH COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MS. HENRIETTA KOENIG, AND HER DEPUTY, MR. CLEMENCEAU UREY, ON AUGUST 15 TO DISCUSS VISIT.

2. SEVERAL POINTS CAME UP IN DISCUSSION WHICH MAY BE USEFUL FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

A. COMMISSIONER KOENIG WILL BE AWAY FROM LIBERIA DURING SEPTEMBER 4-9 TO ATTEND ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) CONFERENCE IN NIGERIA.

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B. MENTION WAS MADE OF REPORT DONE ON SMUGGLING PROBLEM IN LIBERIA. A COPY OF REPORT WAS REQUESTED AND WILL BE FORWARDED UPON RECEIPT TO U.S. CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION.

C. COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ESTIMATED TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINED CUSTOMS OFFICIALS OPERATING

IN FIELD IN LIBERIA TO BE ABOUT 500-600.

D. TRAINING PERIOD FOR NEW CUSTOMS OFFICERS IS TWO WEEKS DURATION. A SECOND PHASE OF TRAINING BEING PLANNED BUT PROGRAM HAS NOT YET BEEN INAUGURATED.

E. COOPERATION BETWEEN LIBERIA AND NEIGHBORING SIERRA LEONE THROUGH MANO RIVER UNION, A CUSTOMS UNION, INCLUDES PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING CUSTOMS TRAINING SCHOOL. ACCORDING TO DEPUTY COMMISSIONER UREY, SOME TRAINING ON VERY SMALL SCALE HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

F. CUSTOMS ENTRY POINTS UPON WHICH GOVERNMENT WISHES TO FOCUS INITIAL ATTENTION ARE FREEPORT OF MONROVIA AND ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

3. COMMISSIONER KOENIG IS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT ORIGINAL OFFICER OF ASSISTANCE BY U.S. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS DURING BRUSSELS MEETING INCLUDED EXTENDED VISIT OF U.S. CUSTOMS ADVISOR TO GOL AND TRAINING OF DOGS TO DETECT DRUGS. BEING UNAWARE OF EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE OFFERED, EMBOFF MADE NEUTRAL COMMENT THAT SUBJECTS COULD BE DISCUSSED WITH U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICIAL DURING VISIT.

4. KOENIG AND UREY OBVIOUSLY PLEASED THAT OFFER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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